

Ellen Izor postcard collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Ellen Izor postcard collection
Date	1910-1939
Extent	0.05 Cubic feet 2 folders
Language	English
Graphic materials [Folder]	S1872-01
Text [Folder]	S1872-02

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Historical Note

The first widely distributed pictorial postal cards in the United States were the official Goldsmith issues, which were souvenir items for the Columbia Exposition of 1893. The craze for picture postcards, which were used for both mailing and collecting, began in Europe but rapidly caught on in the United States, reaching a peak in 1908 when 88,7000,000 Americans mailed 677,777,798 postcards within a single fiscal year of the U.S. Post Office, during what was the "golden age" of postcards.

The mass hysteria for postcards faded by the time World War I began, at which time folded greeting cards with envelopes replaced postcards on most retail racks. The postcards of the 1920s, '30s, '40s, '50s, and '60s often have high value, simple because fewer were used and hence, fewer have survived to the present day.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes postcards collected or received by Ellen Izor in Indianapolis, Indiana between 1910-1939.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from the Indiana State Museum.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Ireland

Subject(s)

- Postcards
- Social life and customs